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U.S. soccer star Alex Morgan sells out Lyman

Two-time World Cup champion Alex Morgan dispenses advice and discusses challenges she has endured her in career

By Jessica Guerrucci
Managing Editor

For the Owl's women's soccer team captain, Mikaela Magee, she said meeting two-time World Cup champion and co-captain of the U.S National Team, Alex Morgan, was a surreal experience.

"She's a huge inspiration," said Magee, a graduate student.

"I mean her work ethic alone, her ability to score goals; I'm a midfielder, she's a forward, but still, her leadership on the field is something that I aspire to."

On Sept. 21, the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts was packed with soccer fans, both young and old, for the sold out show, "An Evening with World Cup Winner Alex Morgan."

The soccer star spoke with soccer commentator, JP Dellacamera, about her life, her career, the obstacles she has faced and the lawsuit she is involved in surrounding the issue of gender equality and equal pay.

Before the main event began at 7 p.m., Morgan took the time to meet with



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Two-time World Cup winner Alex Morgan speaking with commentator, JP Dellacamera on Sept. 21.

Southern's women's soccer team and answered several of their questions and gave them some advice.

During that time, Magee said she learned about how Morgan prepares mentally before games by meditating and said she thinks it could be beneficial for Southern's players as well.

"She likes to kind of keep it calm and everything," said Magee, "and I think

that's something we try to do as a team and I think if people start implementing things like that individually it could even help us even more."

Defender Paula Nunez Escobar, a graduate student, said that Morgan is an inspiration for her and her team and that she looks up to her.

After hearing her talk, she said she loves the fact

that she is pushing others for change in regards to the topic of equal pay.

"We need to keep fighting for that equal treatment," said Escobar. "As women we need to advocate for ourselves and find people to advocate as well, and she's a really good person in the right position to do so."

Being a social justice university, President Joe

Bertolino said he thought Morgan's message was in line with the university's values and thought having her come to campus sends a positive message to the women in the community in terms of the value of women's athletics.

"Her message also rolls into and connects with our social justice mission and our social justice message," said Bertolino.

"So while the athletic component is impressive, that's really a platform for her to be front and center to talk about the issues of equity, inclusion, pay equality, etcetera."

In addition to Morgan meeting with the women's soccer team, Bertolino said not only were students thrilled to meet her, but it was a great opportunity that several young women from the surrounding community got to meet her as well.

At the event, Dellacamera started with Morgan's first memory of playing soccer and ended with looking to what is next for her in the 2020 Olympics.

Afterwards, questions were opened up to the audience, with one asking what advice she has for a young female soccer player.

"It really takes hard work," said Morgan. "It takes self-belief, it takes support from your family, and your parents, and siblings, and that means way more than talent and or skill."

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Lack of shuttles hinders students

By J'Mari Hughes
Copy Editor

Shuttle buses are used to transport students on and off campus. Whether it is a rainy day, a long walk or pure laziness, the buses are convenient for students traveling from one point to another.

However, their purpose goes beyond getting students from the commuter lot to Engleman Hall. Some buses travel to downtown New Haven to pick up and drop off students who commute via train or live in the downtown area.

With specific train departures comes the need for the buses to be on time.

Earlier this week, English major, Lupita Barajas, a junior, said she experienced issues getting to campus on time.

She said she and others

were not informed only one of the smaller shuttles would be transporting students from the Union Station, and that while students tried to avoid missing class or being late to work, it was like "a battle to the death" trying to get a spot.

"There's like 20 plus students trying to get on the shuttle bus," said Barajas, who is also a representative at large for the Student Government.

"It just sucks because students either have to take an Uber or wait another hour or thirty minutes for another bus to come." In another instance, Barajas said one shuttle came to Morill Hall to pick up students, but could not fit as many as were waiting, which resulted in some of them arguing with the driver.

Despite it being the 5

p.m. shuttle, which Barajas said is probably the busiest of the day, students were told they had to wait another hour.

Barajas said if it were not for the students who offered to share their Uber, she would have missed her train.

Due to the ongoing issue, members of Student Government are striving to better the shuttle bus system.

Environmental systems and sustainability studies major, Brooke Mercaldi, a senior and the Vice President of SGA, said the organization met with Chief Dooley and was told while the shuttle bus industry is aware of the problem, it is difficult to address with limited resources.

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Two shuttles transporting students to and from main campus on Wintergreen Ave.



PHOTOS | JACOB WARING

Police Chief Joseph Dooley(left), Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, Mark Rozewski, Newly appointed Deputy Kenneth Rahn and President Joe Bertolino after Rahn's official swearing in ceremony.

New police deputy joins owl community

By Jacob Waring
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After a two-year vacancy, the position of police deputy has finally been filled by former patrol sergeant Kenneth Rahn.

The swearing in took place on Monday, Sept. 16, including appearances by Rahn's family, police chief Dooley and top owl, SCSU President Joe Bertolino.

"We are all so excited for him," said Tanya Rahn. "So proud, he [has] been working towards this for his whole career. And ending up [at Southern], is just amazing."

Kenneth Rahn said it felt amazing to be deputized at Southern and he is looking forward to working alongside Chief Joseph Dooley.

He said he always operated on treating people with respect and dignity

and will continue with that mindset with the students on campus.

"I know it is an important component of Southern's social justice belief," said Rahn. According to Rahn, he wants to continue with that belief while expressing excitement to work with the student body.

In his opening remarks, Chief Dooley said Rahn emulates integrity, honor and all the good that is represented in law enforcement.

According to Dooley, Rahn started his career in law enforcement with the Milford Police department in 1994.

He also said Rahn is a recipient of the Samuel Luciano Award for Academic Excellence. Rahn was also a canine handler with his dog Samson, both well-known throughout the city of Milford according to

Dooley.

Prior to coming to Southern Rahn was a lieutenant, patrol sergeant for two years and served the detective bureau as a sergeant for three additional years. Rahn served as a shift commander for two years, prior to becoming a patrol captain and finally, a deputy police of the Milford department.

According to Dooley, having someone with Rahn's experience fill the position is important as his skills are just what is needed to keep campus and students safe.

"To help us to continue to move this department forward and keep this campus safe," Dooley said.

Milford Police Chief Keith Mello, who was also in attendance of the swearing in.

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Sidewalk construction on the Adanti Student Center patio.

School of Arts and Sciences split

By Jackson LaMar
News Writer

Students need to be heard, there will always be issues that need to be solved and if there is only one person in an office almost nothing will be

done, so another pair of hands is always welcomed.

Terri Bennet is the new Associate Dean for STEM and will work in the office of arts and science to be an extra hand for students for when Interim Dean of art and science, Bruce Kalk,

would be busy.

Kalk explained the importance of having Bennet on staff and how their office can improve with efficiency.

"It adds another person to the office to help with student issues," said Kalk.

"It means that there will be another eye on issues that are important like recruitment."

Kalk also said the plan now that Bennet is in the office and it includes fundraising money for the school.

"The department chairs are meeting more frequently with the associate deans and that's enabling me to do some other things that will have a positive impact," said Kalk. "One of the things that deans do is work with donors, many of whom are alumni of the university, and a lot of those donors are really excited with endowing scholarships for students."

Kalk will have more time to visit and work with donors since Bennet is helping relieve his workload, which could help the School of Arts and Sciences receive more scholarship opportunities for its students.

One idea that was suggested two years ago was to split the school into the School of Arts and the

School of Science into two separate entities. This idea was put on pause because faculty did not want to split up.

"That was something we have considered two years ago, and decided to put a pause on it," Kalk said. "We got a structure that really isn't changing, but internally it is."

Some students also believe that keeping the schools together, as opposed to having two different schools, is better. One such student is junior, Jesse Mullen, an interdisciplinary studies major focusing in communications and journalism.

"I think they're fine grouped together," Mullen said "I think it functions fine the way it is now." STEM is an acronym standing for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

It's designed to "develop, strengthen, and promote interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach for SCSU and the southern Connecticut region."

according to the website, "It is a program that is not too unfamiliar for education major, Olivia Coppola, a freshman.

"In middle school it [STEM] was a class for kids who wanted to be in that class, you weren't just placed in it," Coppola said. "It was mainly for kids who wanted to focus in high school science and math."

Although Coppola did not have any personal problems with talking to the school of arts and science, she is all for the minor internal changes inside the office.

"I do think it's awesome" Coppola said "because honestly the more help for those kids that need to be heard the better."

Bennet started on Aug. 30, this semester, although one person doesn't seem like a lot but this one person is what Kalk and his staff said they needed to become more efficient.

There doesn't have to be a massive change in the system to improve the system.

ALEKS altered due to last year remarks



PHOTO | TAMONDA GRIFFITHS

Student Government Association council gathered during weekly meeting in Englemen B121.

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

In response to different "remarks" made last academic year about the ALEKS program, several changes have been made, said the vice president of Student Government Association's board of academic experience, Sarah Gossman.

"The first big change [Math Emporium Coordinator Elizabeth Hart] made - she made workshops a requirement," said Gossman, "so each student had to attend two workshops."

Gossman said the workshops were meant to teach students enrolled in the ALEKS program study and time management skills along with what is expected of them to complete the program.

She and SGA vice president, Brooke Mercaldi, Gossman said had brought up this concern in the previous

academic year and were "happy" to see them being addressed.

According to Gossman, over the summer, trainers from McGraw Hill administered a two-hour mandatory session to teach professors and student workers in how to better serve students struggling in the course.

"There are now 45 workers in the Math Emporium, desk and lab people," said Gossman, "and there's even tutors within classrooms too."

The Emporium hours, Gossman said, have been extended for those in consideration of students who may be juggling work and school and need later access to the lab space.

In addition, she said students can also find resources in the Academic Success Center from the Math Zone, Peer Academic Leaders or Academic Success coaching, depending upon who their professor may be and what

their specific need may be concerning ALEKS.

"We are very appreciative to Liz Hart for actually listening to our concerns," said Gossman.

Another change implemented, Gossman said was a new system called engagement points.

"The more active you are on ALEKS, the more actively participating you are, you get more of those points added on to your grade," said Gossman.

According to Math education major, Michael Smith, a freshman, engagement points account for at least 30 to 40 percent of his grade.

"The way my professor has explained it because I'm not in the math lab, I'm upstairs in the library," said Smith, "if you do everything you're asked, if you work in class, go two hours, even three in the lab those points - engagement points - like if you do what is asked of you, you get a D," said Smith.

While he understands a D will be the grade, he receives for doing the bare minimum, Smith said his professor did not inform him of the amount of work he would have to do to get a higher grade.

Math Emporium tutor, Siddhi Suresh broke down how engagement points work.

"If you go for your two hours, every minute you get two points," said Suresh, "whereas if you work on it at home you only get one point per minute. So, it's definitely encouraged for students to go to the Math Emporium."

According to Suresh, students need 7,800 engagement points by the end of the semester to achieve a D- and 10,500 points to achieve an A. The maximum amount of engagement points, she said students can earn in a semester is 15,000.

Michele Vancour gains a new title

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Michele Vancour was the former Undergraduate Program coordinator for the Public Health Department at Southern for eight years, and then became the Director of Faculty Development before landing her new job as Interim associate dean of the school of Health and Human Services.

She received her Bachelor's in English from Central Connecticut State University, a Master's in Public Health at Southern Connecticut State University, and her Ph.D. at New York University.

According to Vancour, she has worked at the university for over 21 years.

"I also work with faculty and other colleagues towards improving enrollment and graduation rates," Vancour said. "I get to create new programs for professional development for faculty and staff in the Health and Human Services."

She said she anticipates creating new curriculums to attract new students.

Vancour hopes to offer more hybrid, evening and Saturday classes to help accommodate students' busy schedules.

Vancour pioneered the first breastfeeding-friendly campus at Southern, and the first in the country.

Due to Vancour's efforts, there are now three lactating spaces for any student who is

breastfeeding on campus.

Now the institution has the highest number of registered undergraduate students breastfeeding.

Vancour created the "breastfeeding initiative" because she noticed how student mothers did not have access to private, comfortable areas to lactate. Connecticut state laws never specifically stated that women who are breastfeeding in college must have the required accommodations.

Vancour said this initiative will help student mothers to feel empowered and have a stress-free way of providing food for their baby.

Vancour has done extensive community service. She is the founder of the childcare committee, Work-Life Advisory Committee, Southern's Chapter of the CT ACE Women's Network, and is part of more than thirty other groups on campus.

Vancour received the Outstanding Academic Advisor Award in 2012 and was nominated again in subsequent years.

Vancour won the Robert Jirsa Award in 2019 for making extraordinary contributions and demonstrating an outstanding leadership to the university.

Vancour is the Founder of the Wellness Center, which provides students help with health issues, free screenings, mental health awareness, and information to help them to benefit their health.

Shuttle

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limited resources. She said SGA, understands it is a major issue for students and has discussed it in the past, but is still trying to formulate a solution. Adding another bus, she said, would suffice, however it would cost the university a large amount of money.

Barajas said recently, SGA collected emails from shuttle bus-riders and plan to hold a meeting to unite their voices and discuss what they think should be improved. Barajas said she hopes there will be better communication between the shuttle bus system and students like telling them if a small bus is coming or if

the buses will stop running earlier than usual.

"In an ideal world, we hope everyone can get to class on time with the shuttles and save their own money," said communication disorders major, Alexis Zhitomi, a senior and the president of Student Government. "It's very difficult to kind of coordinate all the train schedules coming in for an 8 a.m. class. Like they're all coming in at different times from different states and then trying to get that shuttle with all those students back to campus for exactly 8:10 for the first class today."

Barajas said an emailing service aimed at shuttle bus-takers would be beneficial, letting students know if any changes will



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Students loading Union Station bound shuttle outside of Morrill Hall.

occur on a certain day. She also said she thinks rather than having two shuttles to and from Wintergreen, as students can walk from one side of campus to another, one of those buses could be used for those waiting to get to the train at Union Station.

"It is hard, we do understand how difficult it is to coordinate things like that," Zhitomi said, "but our hope is that like we bring attention to it, that they notice us and that they hear us out and really try to make an effort to improve it whatever that may be."



PHOTO | SOFIA ROSITANI

Interim associate dean of the school of Health and Human Services Michele Vancour.

Obama School construction halts grand opening

By Jackson LaMar
News Writer

On Farnham Ave., right across from the commuter lost, students may have noticed the still on going construction of the Barack H. Obama magnet school.

The school has been under construction for over a year now and still is despite being said to be open by now.

George Olshen, a special education professor, talked about the importance of having an on campus school.

"I think it's a great idea to have a campus school" Olshen said "Many universities that have schools of education have a campus school"

Olshen also said that the school will be finished "shortly" but there still isn't kids attending the school and education students teaching yet.

The \$45 million magnet school will be located at 69 Farnham Ave. When completed the school will be 64,000-square-feet and will replace the

Strong School.

The late construction brings up a lot of plenty of concerns to a project that already had plenty of concerns to start with.

"Well for one you're gonna have a geographic dislocation and of course that takes adjusting issues with parking" Olshen said "Then the kids have to get used to being on a college campus"

Olshen is a special education professor that has been teaching for over 50 years.

He also has been working with the board of education in New Haven.

"Part of my role was to help develop with the University and the university and the special education department, generate grants" said Olshen "We did get grants for training personal."

Of course one of the main uses for the school in Southern's view is putting education students to student teach.

Sophomore Esther Gonzalez, an exploratory major who works in

theschool of education office says its important to get the school finished.

"I feel like if there's a set timeline, there's supposed to be a contract with construction people," Gonzalez said. "If it's not done yet then that's an issue and that's a lot of money"

Gonzalez also brings up another problem that hits New Haven kids.

"I know that a lot of New Haven schools are overpopulated," Gonzalez said. "It would definitely help the students get a good quality education and they can't have that if their school is still being built."

Some students think the construction is to blame. One student is sophomore James Morton, a business major.

"They probably should of realized that it would of taken a little longer" Morton said "It shouldn't be taking one year, with all the snow days in winter were they just weren't working on it"

The school is named after the 44th United

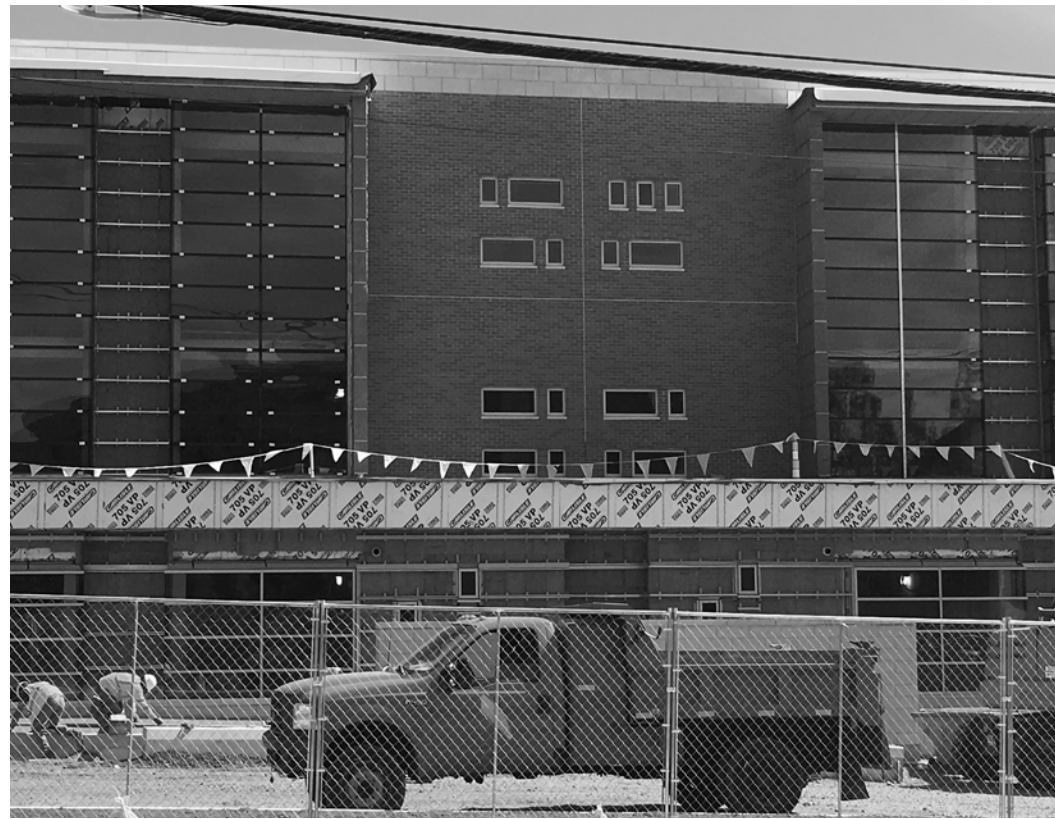


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Barack H. Obama school located on Farnham Ave. still under construction

States President, Barack Obama. According to an article in the New Haven Register, written a year ago, the school was named after Obama because he was "truly an education president."

The Obama Administration founded the My Brothers Keeper Alliance in 2014, initiated the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015 and enacted the Preschool for All proposal in 2016.

Obama once said that "In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity - it is a prerequisite

Jermaine Wright finds a new home at Southern



PHOTO | KENNETH BAAH

Associate vice president of the Office of Student Affairs Jermaine Wright.

By Kenneth Baah
Contributor

As the current associate vice president of Student Affairs on campus, Jermaine Wright is aiming to help to Southern create an institution that can better serve its students in a holistic manner. Wright has been associate vice

president of Student Affairs for a year and is tackling issues like equity and race.

According to the university's website, Wright oversees the following departments of Student Affairs: Multicultural center, the Sexuality and Gender Equality Center, Michael

J. Adanti Student Center, University Access Programs, Student Involvement and Leadership and John Lyman Performing Arts Center.

"So, the way this portfolio was put together and characterized, was thinking about our underrepresented student population which included

the diversity and inclusion piece of the portfolio. While my counterpart, [Jules] Tetreault has the wellbeing pieces," said Wright

Before coming to Southern, Wright obtained a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from SUNY Binghamton. He also has a master's degree in public administration from John Jay College and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in public administration in 2008.

Wright began his career working in non-profit management, specifically with individuals on welfare and those in transition from welfare to the workforce. Wright later pivoted to higher education to help give individuals a chance at a better life through education.

"I found that I was constantly helping people to get jobs, but there's nothing wrong with working at a fast food place or working at a retail place, but considering, what the minimum wage is and what individuals were getting paid, there was no way

that individuals would be able to sustain themselves. So, it made me realize that I needed to be in an environment where I was, preparing individuals to become self-sufficient," said Wright

He later worked as CUNY under the Black Male Initiative within their Student Affairs Office. Wright subsequently became the interim associate director of the Office of Special Programs at CUNY, helping minority students succeed.

What attracted Wright to come to Southern, he said, was the institution's social justice mission.

"I thought about ideally working with a population or an institution that understood diversity inclusion and equity and sought to treat everyone equitably," said Wright. "And ensure that individual students got the support, and the access, and the opportunities that they needed to really survive and do well here in college, but then thereafter as they become career professionals."

Outside of his job description, Wright also

serves as an advisor for the Brotherhood of Scholarship and Excellence Club and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on campus.

"He does a really good job of making sure things are in place for students so they could have a better experience on campus, making sure that events are well ran," said president of the Zetas, Katia Bagwell.

One of Wright's personal goals is to be a role model for students of color on campus. Growing up, he lived in poverty and now wants to do what he can for young people of color so they too can be leaders and professionals through education.

"My friends [said] that I would have basketball Sundays and we would go to the park and play with kids in middle school, high school and we would talk to them about college," said Wright. "They would look forward to seeing us and having those conversations and letting them know where we were, what we're doing so that they can see themselves in us and say that this is a reality, and this is a possibility for you as well."

Morgan

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Morgan, who said she did not start playing soccer until she was 14-years-old, also talked about the biggest lessons that she has learned from soccer.

As a co-captain, she said it taught her about knowing and understanding her role, feeling more confident in a leadership role, as well as knowing when to take a backseat and when to step up.

"Soccer has definitely taught me to be more vocal, and [to] be able to listen and understand someone else's point of view before wanting to speak up and talk about what you think and what your opinion is,"



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

President Joe Bertolino and Alex Morgan on stage of the Lyman Center doing the signature owl salute.

said Morgan. "So, I think just having the patience and just being able to listen that's important."

Despite it being a packed year for Morgan, with the World Cup, her current knee injury that has her out for the rest of the season

for Orlando Pride, and preparing for the 2020 Olympics, she has not let any obstacles get in her way.

"Not only am I living out my dream," said Morgan "but I'm doing what I'm supposed to do."

Deputy

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"In fact, four years ago when it was time to pick a deputy chief there was no doubt in my mind who the next deputy chief should be," Mello said. "He has been a tremendous ally, a friend, and a fine co-worker in the last three to five years." Mello said one of Rahn's biggest assets he will be bringing to the Southern community is his ability to form relationships with people, and that he feels that SCSU students are in good hands.

"I think it speaks volumes, that there are so many individuals, your colleagues from different



PHOTO | JACOB WARING

Tanya Rahn wife of Kenneth Rahn pinning deputy badge him during swearing in ceremony.

departments in the community," Bertolino said. "It speaks well to your history, the work that you've done and the work that we know you will do here."

Tanya Rahn said her husband may come off as intimidating at first but that he genuinely wants what

is best for the students at Southern.

"He may come across a little scary. He has your best interest in mind," she said. "He really truly feels, with having three daughters, that he likes to keep everyone safe and treat everyone like he would his own kids."

More Kavanaugh allegations calls for impeachment

By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

In 2018, Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination was met with multiple accusations of sexual misconduct. A year later, it is happening all over again.

The nomination of Brett Kavanaugh was almost immediately met with criticism — Christine Blasey Ford testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, alleging that he assaulted her while they were high school students. Another woman, Deborah Ramirez, came forward and alleged that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her during a party while they were both freshmen at Yale.

Now, there is a third allegation, one that was previously unknown until the New York Times published an essay regarding on Sept. 17 — Max Stier, another student at Yale, alleged that he witnessed Kavanaugh with his pants down at another party during his freshman year. He exposed himself to an unidentified woman who denies that she was assaulted, stating that she does not remember the incident. Stier said she was so inebriated during the party that she easily could have forgotten it.

A lawyer in Wash., Stier told Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware about the incident. Four days before the Senate voted on Kavanaugh, Coons sent

a letter to FBI Director Christopher A. Wray describing Stier as an "individual whom I would like to specifically refer to you for appropriate follow up."

The FBI never questioned Stier. In total, they contacted nine people — selected from a list of over 50 — after the Judiciary Committee's Republican majority eased up and allowed the FBI to interview ten people after swing-state voters demanded it. It was technically an upgrade, considering they were originally only allowed four people.

Ramirez herself gave the FBI a list of at least 25 people who could have potentially defended her statements, according

to Vox, only to be told that authorization was needed before anyone could be contacted. None of them ended up being interviewed.

The entire election of Brett Kavanaugh reflects a huge failure on the Senate's part, navigated by limitations and interferences. We have now seen what could have been: two New York Times reporters, limited only by peoples willingness to talk, unearthed more information about Kavanaugh than the FBI did.

Other people, including Sens. Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren, as well as former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro,

according to Vox—are calling for Kavanaugh's impeachment.

"It's more clear than ever that Brett Kavanaugh lied under oath," Castro said in a tweet on Sept. 14. "He should be impeached. And Congress should review the failure of the Department of Justice to properly investigate this matter."

Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke echoed Castro's sentiment, stating on Twitter on Sept. 15 that "we didn't find out about [the new allegation] before he was confirmed because the Senate forced the F.B.I. to rush its investigation to save his nomination."

It is no secret that the FBI was given impossible standards and that the

process was rigged in Kavanaugh's favor. They were given such little time to investigate that Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of RI., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said, "I would view the Ramirez allegations as not having been even remotely investigated," according to the New York Times.

During his testimony in the Senate, Kavanaugh said if the incident with Ramirez actually did occur, it would have been "the talk of campus." Due to the failures of the Senate and the FBI that got him in the Supreme Court in the first place, his previous allegations as well as the ones that we are just finding out about now are the talk of the nation.

Vaping nicotine or CBD or THC can be hazardous

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

Hospitalizations, excessive coughing and trouble breathing. This is what our generation has been left with since the shift from cigarettes to electronic smoking devices such as vape mods, Juuls and even CBD and THC cartridges.

In recent news there have been more and more cases of people being hospitalized and even dying from smoking electronic devices. While companies like Juul claim they were originally marketing these products to wean people off of smoking cigarettes, what happened was the exact opposite.

In the 90's, there was a large spike in young adults and teenagers who smoked cigarettes, but after more education surfaced, the number of teens smoking was on a steady decline. However, since the introduction of electronic smoking

devices to the United States in 2006, more and more teens have been smoking. In fact, from 2011 to 2017 the number of underage people using electronic smoking devices has gone up 1,280 percent, according to Lungs.org.

Many people across the country blame this on Juul. Their fruity flavors and marketing strategies were very similar to what Phillip Morris did back in the 90's. To many who sued these companies, it seems as though they were targeting young people. According to Torhoerman Law, one parent from N.Y. sued Juul for advertising to their 15-year-old daughter that the product was safer than smoking traditional cigarettes.

However, Juul may not be the only smoking device that is making people sick. Another leading cause could be THC and CBD cartridges. Many of the THC cartridges that people get

off of the street, and even some of the name brands that were thought to be safe, like Dank Vapes have lethal doses of vitamin E in them. While vitamin E is beneficial when applied topically or even ingested, when inhaled it is extremely dangerous. Leafly, a cannabis information source, stated that the FDA has expressed concerns about inhaling the substance, but has yet to ban it in vape juices and THC cartridges.

One student at Southern suffered significantly last summer. She had been smoking from illegitimate THC cartridges and she got pneumonia and lost over 40 pounds. She said couldn't could not go without using them for more than a day, and got extremely sick from it. While she has stopped using THC cartridges, she still continues to use electronic cigarettes. This student also stated that said she had been

introduced at the age of 12 to electronic smoking devices and has continued to use them ever since.

However, while using electronic smoking devices may be very popular amongst young people, not all students use them.

All of this raises the question of whether Conn.should follow in the footsteps of other states like N.Y. in banning fruity flavors of electronic cigarettes.

Coordinator of the Wellness Center, Emily Rosenthal said she thinks it is a big step forward in raising the minimum age for purchasing tobacco. With policies, taxes and education, she said the use of these products can be limited.

"I don't see the value behind the flavors," she said, "and while I am not a legislator I think that anything that limits the use of tobacco products is a good thing as far as I am concerned."



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A picture of a vaping device that uses nicotine juice.

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Looking back: Fall of 1999



Men's soccer starts 6-0

The defending Division II men's soccer team extended number 5 winning streak to 19 games after a pair of victories against Bentley and Central, putting their season win total at 6-0. During the game against Central, team captain, Assaf Dagai set a new school record with his 49th career assist. Despite the winning record, coach Tom Lang said, "We've been inconsistent in our overall quality of the game. We've made some mistakes that haven't hurt us yet."

September

- Southern students and staff discussed gun control as the issue loomed over the nation. There were only two incidents, one in 1998 and two in 1996 with possession of guns on campus.
- An empty space in the student center became Cardio Connection, which opened its doors at the beginning of the semester with their motto was "Burning fat, getting fit, having fun," with the goal of helping students stay in shape.

October

- Southern opened a new Women's Center located on the garden level of Schwartz Hall. Rosalyn Amenta, director of the Women's center, said she hopes it will become "the parlor of Southern."
- A new traffic light was installed on Wintergreen Avenue after a student was hit by a car while walking back to his dorm.
- Southern students and staff spoke about the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty after the UN refused to ratify it. The U.S Senate voted 51-48. The treaty would have ensured an end to global proliferation and assured the United States nuclear superiority

November

- Southern appointed a new Dean of Student Affairs, Richard Farrisicelli. He said he would like to revamp the Greek system, expand Southern's daycare center, teach students leadership skills and get students more involved in the university.
- North Campus Marketplace, a campus store that provided food and supplies for college life, opened. Students in North Campus said its opening was an advantage to them because they could use the money from their meal plan.

December

- A white supremacist, Frank Meeink, lectured students about his evolution from a former skinhead into an advocate for human rights. His experience behind bars taught him respect and to tolerate individuals he used to view as inferior.

Compiled from the Southern News archives by Jessica Guerrucci, Managing Editor

Flu shot offered monthly for fall semester

By **Alexandra Scicchitano**
Opinions & Features Editor

The Wellness Center paired up with Shop Rite on Dixwell Avenue to get students vaccines on campus, without having to go somewhere else to get them.

Flu vaccines were given out to faculty and students if they brought their prescription card and insurance card, said John McCarthy, the pharmacist manager from Shop Rite on Dixwell Avenue.

"End of August, mid-August, to the end of August we get [the vaccines] in. The best time to get your flu shot is the end of September, October, November, before the end of November.

but we do continue to administer December, January," said McCarthy.

"We can still do the vaccine, which is why we still ask for both cards, [so we can] minimize the number of people that we turn away," said McCarthy about turning down people who have

United Healthcare, a healthcare that does not cover the vaccine. "It's usually two or three percent. It's a very small percentage of the insurance we can't take."

McCarthy said students whose health insurance does not cover the vaccine, cannot pay out of

pocket for. This is an agreement Shop Rite and the university had so there is no physical money being taken.

However, McCarthy said he advises students and faculty whose healthcare has been turned down to go to Shop Rite where they can pay for the vaccine, for about \$23 with a discount card.

"We strongly recommend you vaccinate yourself before you hit that window where people are starting to get sick because it does take two weeks to take effect," said McCarthy.

Nursing professor, Antionette Towle said she thinks people on campus should take advantage of the opportunity "because it's right here, it's

easy," otherwise they would have to go somewhere else. "I usually get it here. I have to get them, by law, because hospitals won't let us in," said Towle, who got her flu vaccine that day. "My clinical group is at Milford Hospital."

Towle said all her students who go to Milford Hospital need to get vaccinated too.

"I get it every year, but it's great that they had it at work, it's convenient," said Marisol Lopez-Castro, a secretary for the economic and finance, who said she has gotten the shot on campus for the past few years it has been offered.

"They don't have to go to the doctors to get it done," said Lopez-Castro. "It's a lot easier."



Antionette Towle getting her flu vaccine at the flu vaccine clinic by Jessica Shah, a pharmacist at the Dixwell Avenue Shop Rite.

Curlfriendz aimed to empower with natural hair

By **Ellie Sherry**
Reporter

Curlfriendz is a new program aimed to empower black women and men. The club started with five women from Southern who noticed a lot of people transitioning back to wear their natural hair. They wanted to form a club that would specifically focus on textured natural hair and how to care for it properly.

"We realized that there was a need to embrace natural hair on campus, as we

noticed more young women making a transition to wearing their natural hair out," said treasurer of Curlfriendz, Bilonda Kalemba. "We wanted it to be an informative club where we assisted women and men in taking care of their hair."

Kalemba said there was a need to embrace natural hair and African culture since it was pushed away and ignored for so long.

Communications major Kiana Michel, a senior, said the changes to make sense

to her. She said, there was no conversation revolving around black women's hair and no effort to make them feel comfortable about wearing it naturally."

"When I was younger, it was all about perms just to, kind of, resemble looking prettier," she said. "So now that there are organizations that focus on black women wearing their natural hair, now I know that we are taking steps forward."

Through the creation of the club, Kalemba said she and others

wanted to see students coming up with ideas to start something that embraces self-love on campus.

"We want to see more and more men and women feel confident with the natural texture of their hair and not feel like they need to [alterate] it to make it fit into societal ways," she said. "We want to see them uplifting each other and educating those who are ignorant."

Kalemba said students are happy to see steps being made towards having

an open and more accepting school.

"I think it's a good idea and that it's great there is something like that here," said business management major, Muhaymina Plair, a junior.

Kalemba said while African American hair is hard to take care of, and often times, people go through many products to find the perfect one, there was always more out there.

"First of all, our hair is so beautiful," she said. "I honestly wouldn't want it any other way."

'Happy' educates students about mental health

By **Sofia Rositani**
Reporter

From Denmark to the South African plains, the documentary "Happy" chronicles how people around the world define happiness

The three-hour watch event was co-hosted by Michelle Lawler, a counselor at Southern, and the Active Minds Club.

According to Owl Connect, "Active Minds is an awareness and advocacy group focused on mental health issues on campus." Active Minds provides insight on ways to cope with stress and mental health related issues.

"It was very smart for us to just co-spon-

sor this together considering that we always focus on depression and anxiety but we never really focus on happiness awareness," said nursing major, Danielle Jackson, a junior and the president of Active Minds.

After seeing the documentary, Jackson said she had an epiphany that there is more to mental health and ways to cope with it than most realize.

"Coming out [to the documentary], it really made me realize that we are so caught up on work and school that we never really take a step back and just realize that we need to find things that make us happy," she said.

Lawle said she has been showing this documentary since 2011.

"[The film] compares the United States and different countries and explores what constitutes happiness for others," she said.

"Maybe not the American way, but some of the other countries, so just trying to educate students on themselves to feel better and de-stress."

General studies major Janine Walters-Desrosiers, a senior said she was impacted by the film which made her think about her childhood in Jamaica, and her new life in the U.S and how it compares to her current life as a student as well

as, what she hopes to expect in the future.

"During the film it kind of me made think, 'Wow this was definitely something I was missing,' and I remember where my roots came from and how I

grew up in the church and how people in a whole and helping others makes me a better person," Walters-Desrosiers said.

"I am the most happiest when I am helping people."



Counselor, Michelle Lawler (left) and president of Active Minds, Danielle Jackson

Mid-Autumn Celebration introduces students to Chinese culture

**By Essence Boyd
News Editor**

The Multicultural Center, in collaboration with the Chinese Student Association, brought in the moon festival with mooncakes and traditional Chinese music during their Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration in Engleman B121 on Monday, Sept. 16.

“We put this event on every semester, it’s always a great opportunity to get people interested in Chinese culture,” said CSA secretary, and international business major, Peter Callahan, a junior.

According to a handout distributed by the organization, in Chinese culture, the festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar on a full moon which is said to be when the moon is the “brightest and roundest” which signifies the unity

of family.

Multicultural Center coordinator Dian Brown-Albert said the Chinese tradition is like the American holiday Thanksgiving, being the time of year that families enjoy each other’s company.

“This is the opportunity for families to come together and enjoy the time that they share and enjoy some moon cakes,” said Brown-Albert.

Much like Thanksgiving, there are items designated to be eaten during this time of year, one of the many foods being mooncake.

According to Callahan, the consumption of the dessert not only signifies the unity of family but happiness.

It is a traditional dish from Chinese culture and it’s often been used to symbolize the moon. As you can tell it is also a circular shape,” said Callahan. “It’s just a symbol of happiness from Chinese culture.”

According to CSA advisor June Cheung, the event was brought to campus to spread awareness of Chinese culture and make Southern students interested in cultures other than their own.

“We want to bring awareness of the different culture,” said Cheung. “Several countries celebrate this [holiday]. This is treated as a very important festival in China similar to your Thanksgiving; families get together eat special foods and watch the moon.”

The two organizations have been hosting the event together for several years and claim it is one of their most attended events outside of the Chinese New Year. Brown-Albert, who has worked in the Multicultural Center for over 13 years, said the event has been hosted it for as long as she has been a part of it.

In addition to educational commentary



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Food served at the Mid-Autumn Celebration event.

and light refreshments, the organization also showed the audience two videos in which the true meaning behind the holiday was showcased. The event was concluded with soft traditional Chinese music and an even softer traditional dessert.

Political science major Varsha Jorawar, a sophomore, said she attended the event

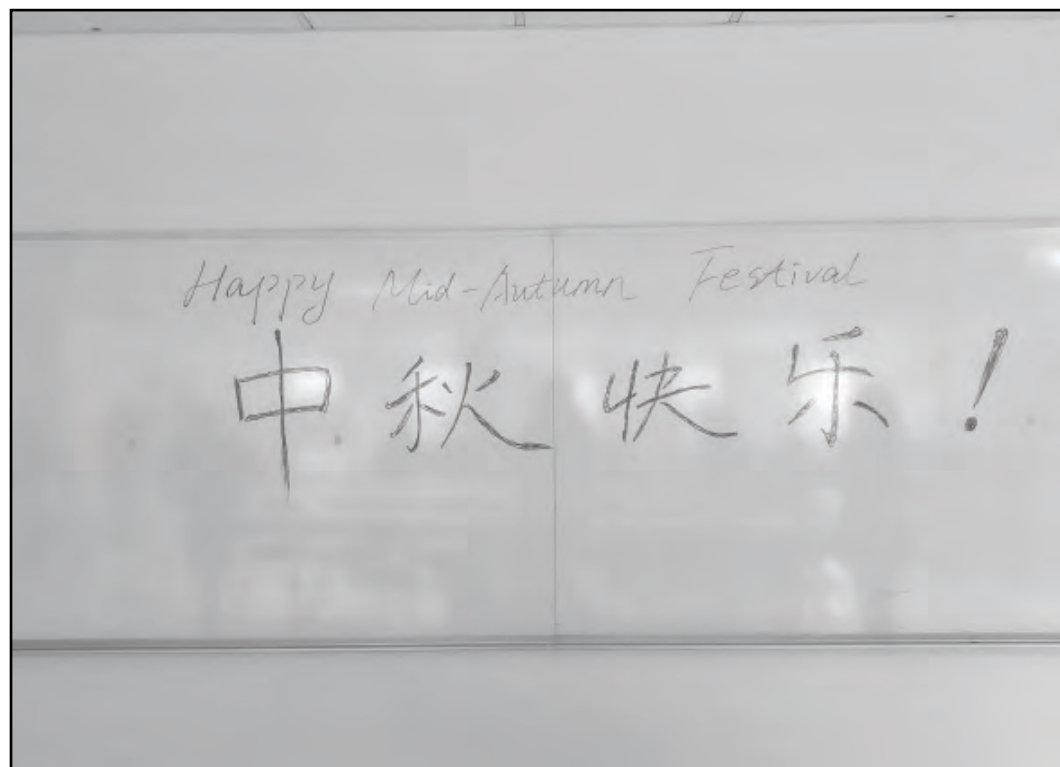
opened her eyes to just how significant something others take for granted can mean so much to another culture.

“I took away the importance of the moon in their culture,” said Jorawar. “Something as insignificant in American culture as the moon means so much to somebody in Chinese culture.”

According to Callahan, CSA is always welcomed

to new club attendees and educating them about Chinese culture.

“Everyone is welcomed, you do not have to speak Chinese to come to the club meetings, you don’t have to be a Chinese person,” said Callahan. “It is open to everyone and we are happy to have anyone who is just slightly interested in Chinese culture.”



Students were exposed to Chinese culture at the Mid-Autumn Celebration in Engleman 121 including Mandarin Chinese(left) and an informational video.



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NBA 2K20 disappoints again with stale gameplay

**Max Vadakin
Copy Editor**

Earlier this month, 2K Sports released “NBA 2K20,” continuing its yearly routine of distributing the next edition of inadequate and disappointing gameplay. Even the watershed addition of WNBA teams and modes added into the game could not save NBA 2K20 from appearing stale and repetitive.

For the past few years, NBA 2K games have been running a scam on their consumers, yet fans alike continue to fall for it year after year.

The sad thing is we know each upcoming edition is going to be the same as the previous year. NBA 2K is a microcosm of American

consumerism at its finest. So why do we keep falling for it?

Let’s get one thing straight – NBA 2K20 is not a bad game.

The concern around the game’s mass production is not that they are selling a bad game, rather they are continuing to sell the same game.

The actual gameplay of NBA 2K20 features impressive graphics, fluid movement with players and the exhilarating ability to throw down 360 dunks even though players cannot touch the rim in real life.

However, the game modes within NBA 2K20 have remained the same without much improvement for the past five or so years.

One of the game’s most popular modes, “MyCareer,” allows users to create and

implement themselves into the game. In the mode, each user starts from near the beginning of their career and works their way toward becoming an NBA legend.

What seems to get under the 2K community’s skin the most, is the cringe-worthy cut scenes that come throughout your player’s career and the distraction of unnecessary features that make the game more difficult for seemingly no reason.

For instance, in this year’s version of MyCareer, players begins in college, working toward getting drafted into the NBA.

What ensues is hours worth of unnecessary storylines interwoven within the college basketball gameplay. It takes hours to get to even

play a single minute in the NBA and upon arriving, the character is slow, weak and seemingly unable to make a basket.

So, if the MyCareer player just made the NBA, shouldn’t he be an elite athlete, able to keep up physically with most of the league? Not so fast, for that players have to pay. Another side to the great NBA 2K scam is the use of virtual currency. VC is used to upgrade players within MyCareer to actually get them to an NBA talent level.

VC can be earned through countless hours of gameplay, or one could simply get it from the big GET VC button that looms around every corner. With the amount of time it takes to earn enough VC to improve one’s player significantly, \$20 for

twice the amount you have earned seems like a preferable option. And as one can see on the game’s online feature, “MyPark,” many people seem to be taking that path.

Even the game’s second popular feature, “MyTeam,” where users can build a team from obtaining cards featuring historical and current players through gameplay, buying their card off the auction house, or opening packs with random cards within, is desperately trying to sell VC. MyTeam will often make the packs with a better chance of pulling a good player VC only instead of the game mode’s MyTeam points that are earned through playing the mode.

MyTeam also stirred some controversy for NBA 2K this year

as a feature seems to endorse gambling, as users can win certain cards by playing the slots.

It seems that NBA 2K20 is not even trying to masquerade the fact that they are all about their consumers spending more and more money.

One thing NBA 2K20 did well this year was giving women and young girls who have been longing to play with people they look up to in a video game.

Unfortunately for them, they too will soon see how NBA 2K is only interested in making money instead of appeasing their patient fan base.

Year after year NBA 2K puts out the same game as they did the year before. I guess we all just have to buy NBA 2K21 to find out if 2K will finally changed their ways.

TKE members get painted to end childhood cancer

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

Students in the Tau Kappa Fraternity held an open fundraiser on the academic quad on Tuesday, Sept. 17 for St. Jude Hospital, where they could throw paint-filled balloons at other students.

For \$1, students were given these balloons and could throw it them at designated members of the fundraiser. This event is one of many smaller fundraisers meant to save money for larger events that will generate money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

"This is just a fundraiser for now, but this is going to get our money up. We want to be able to save up enough money for grand-scale events for St. Jude in the future," said TKE member Farith Vilchez, a junior. We don't want to just raise a little bit of money, we want to make a major impact for these guys," said Vilchez.

TKE is planning to use the funds they have raised to host larger scale events that will hopefully raise even more money for St. Jude's Hospital. They have upcoming fundraisers planned months in advance in order to reach that goal.

"We have a rose sale coming up in the spring, along with a bunch of other things this semester coming up," said computer science major Christopher Caron, a junior and member of TKE.

Members of TKE said they want to continue hosting fundraisers in the hopes that they will be able to contribute positively to the community and their efforts will affect a significant amount of people.

"We don't want to just raise a little bit of money. We want to actually be able to give them the special events that will make their profits so much better for them, rather than for us," said Caron.

TKE has several planned events for the future. Several fundraising events have proven to be successful before, while they also have new ideas they are working on in the future according to Caron.

"Two of our biggest events are Car Smash and Rose Sales. Those make so much money and all the profits go straight to St. Jude. This fundraiser and the future ones are basically to fund stuff like that, and help plan stuff in the future," said Caron.

During the event, students and faculty alike had contributed to the fundraiser, and crowds had formed to witness some of the balloon-throwing action. Many people were filming and sharing the event to their peers on campus, spreading word of the fundraiser quickly.

Students not in TKE, but still associated with the Greek life program at Southern, also had their members attend and participate in the event.

"I am really for Greek unity and being able to support everything that [TKE] does so we can get the reciprocation back for the whole community," said recreations major Abby Karbowicz, a senior.

Ultimately, TKE is trying to raise a significant amount of money to try and better their community by giving to those who are in need. They said they are hoping their future fundraisers will be successful in raising a sizable fund for St. Jude, and growing the scale of their upcoming events ahead.

"One of the huge things about TKE is the brotherhood. They're also very charismatic on campus and they do their best to give back," said Karbowicz.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

TKE member Jack Spillane, sophomore, drying off at Paint-A-TKE on Sept 17.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Marketing major Matt Bracale, sophomore, getting splashed with paint at the Paint-A-TKE on Tuesday, Sept. 17.



PHOTO | DEYANIRA JACOME

Rachel Ellis (left), Halley Shambra, Denisha Marshall and Maya Neal, the e-board members on Sept. 19.

SISTAS

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Southern, but is also inspiring other young females, for example, the girls at Ansonia High School. This mentorship program was proposed and initiated last year but will be continuing this year due to a personal request via email from Ansonia's principal.

SISTAS will commute to the high school for monthly visits and will have constructive conversational topics that will benefit the future of Ansonia's girls.

"The principal of Ansonia High School was excited about continuing the program because even though we are young, we'll be able to impact these young females with things they don't know," senior president of SISTAS, Denisha Marshall said. "Collaborating with other organizations won't only get us new members but it'll allow us to deliver our message of conquering women empowerment through sisterhood."

Aside from their weekly meetings, the executive board of SISTAS get

together separately and discuss which topic they will decide to cover. The first topic they addressed was women's health and that allowed the SISTAS to connect with their members through PowerPoints, videos, and games.

SISTAS advised its members on different ways Southern can help enhance their personal health. They provided information from the wellness center and other facilities on campus that are designed to help the student body both physically and mentally. Each member left the meeting with goodie bags that included condoms, candies, and informative pamphlets.

Through sisterhood and positivity, SISTAS will continue to empower younger women on and off campus by passing on its motivational essence. Either collaborating with other organizations or speaking on important topics their mission is to be role models to the community.

"Spread positivity because that's really all you can do," senior treasurer of SISTAS, Maya Neal said. "We're all kind of going through the same stuff. We're all in college so we already have one

Daring JPEGMAFIA album pays off

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

Despite JPEGMAFIA's long career making music, with some projects dating back to 2007, his most recent record, "Veteran" that came out last year, put him on the map. "Veteran" had large success in the underground hip-hop scene and the Internet, with many praising it as one of their favorite albums of 2018. It's not hard to see why; the album is an absolute roller coaster of abrasive, industrial instrumentals coupled with wild flows and confrontational lyrics.

On "Veteran" JPEG, aka Barrington Hendricks targeted groups such as the alt-right, Internet trolls, critics and just about anyone else he has distaste for. The album stands out amongst the sea of hip-hop albums that come out because of how undeniably personal and uncompromising it sounds, challenging new listeners with abstract sounds and concepts that may be jarring on initial listens. However, future listens reward the audience, as there are several layers to unpeel and digest with each

playthrough.

Nearly two years later, JPEG has followed up "Veteran" with "All My Heroes are Cornballs," an album that contains nearly all of the great aspects of his previous one, but now refined and perfected. Although this album may sound less harsh and abrasive, it is still a record that challenges one's tastes, pushing the possibilities of hip-hop music with this experimental dive into the creative mind of JPEG.

This album is 18 tracks and 45 minutes long with each song averaging around 2 minutes and change. From its computerized production to the Internet culture that is discussed in the lyrics, this album starts extremely digital from start to finish. JPEG has said during interviews multiple times that he is a "product of the Internet," and his music certainly verifies that statement.

The different tracks on this album explore several different moods and sonic territories. The first track shows this perfectly, beginning with these gentle chords in the background that compliment JPEG's

energetic flow and confident lyrics. After the first verse, however, the song pivots, with the beat transforming into this base-heavy banger. During this transformation, JPEG starts screaming his lyrics with passionate aggression. Eventually, the song loops back around into the original instrumental, and JPEG begins to sing with a beautiful auto-tuning effect on his voice. In my opinion, this first track flawlessly showcases the volatile nature of this album and captures many of the repeated themes throughout the record.

Throughout these tracks, JPEG brings a wide array of different instrumentals and production, each beat striving to sound as unique and mind-expanding as possible. Some of the cuts are more melodic, with synth-heavy production carrying out melodies. Tracks that show this style best on the album include "Rap Grow Old & Die x No Child Left Behind," "Free the Frail" and the title track. There seems to be an influence from pop, R&B and mainstream hip-hop on tracks like this.

Alternatively, songs like

"PRONE!" "Kel vs Kenan" and "Post Verified Lifestyle" are shining examples of JPEG's aggression playing out in song in a way that makes most punk music sound tame in comparison. These songs feature bass-heavy beats, disturbing samples, and raw aggression displayed through his delivery. These tracks are absolutely thrilling to listen to if one is in the correct mood.

Overall, this is an album that is just as daring and experimental as its predecessor, if not more so. It is a project that was written, produced, mixed and recorded solely from Mr. Hendricks, something that is extremely impressive and uncommon to see play out this successfully. "All My Heroes are Cornballs" expands on the risk-taking ideas that were introduced on "Veteran" while simultaneously adding elements of R&B and pop music into the fray. These fusions of multiple genres go over beautifully, making for an extremely enjoyable hip-hop record that I anticipate will be looked back on as one of the best records of this era in music.

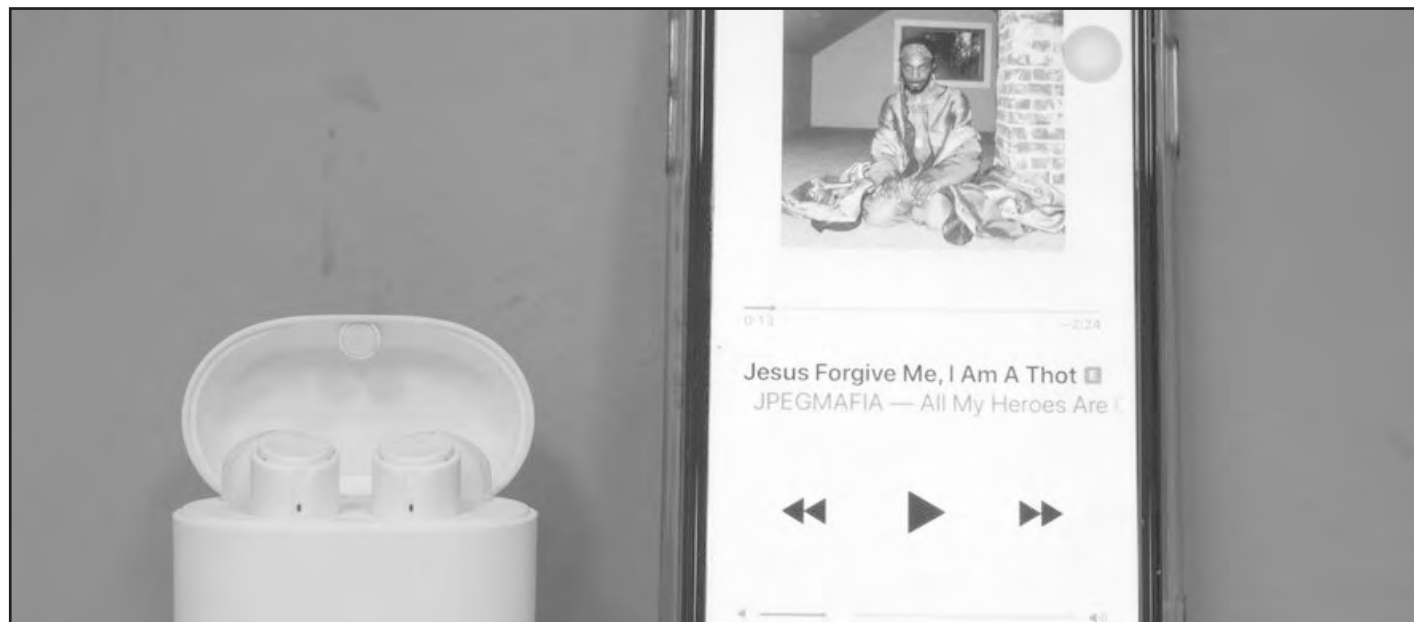


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An iPhone displaying the album "All My Heroes are Cornballs," released on Sept. 13.

SISTAS works to empower students



PHOTO | DEYANIRA JACOME

E-board of SISTAS holding the meeting on Sept. 19.

By Deyanira Jacome
Contributor

With welcoming smiles and ice breakers, Sisters in School Together Achieving Success pick a topic each week and have open discussions with their members about it during their meetings.

They described themselves as the older sisters of Southern and are willing to contribute their knowledge to anyone that needs their help. Although their audience was mainly first-year minority students, the club was welcoming to new members willing to learn about its ideals.

"When I was an undergrad student I didn't have a lot of females of color on campus that I can look up to or confide in and I wish I did," senior secretary of SISTAS, Rachael Ellis said. "Now I feel confident enough to have certain kinds of conversations which is what I'm most excited about."

Before each meeting starts, the officers make

sure each member feels welcomed by playing music from the 2000's and writing positive notes to deposit into the SISTAS box.

The SISTAS boxes could be found in women's restrooms around campus and are identifiable by the two sunflowers on top, accompanied by a handwritten note that reads, "take one." The notes included motivational words for someone who may have had a rough day.

"At a school like Southern, most of our population is diverse and it's nice to see us--women come together because it makes me feel comfortable," senior vice-president of SISTAS, Halley Shambra said. "SISTAS is a group of women that support each other away from home or family and we always have good conversations. Sometimes it can be difficult or awkward but they're always necessary."

SISTAS is not only empowering women at

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Students celebrate heritage

By Jessica Guerrucci
Managing Editor

National Hispanic American Heritage Month kicked off on campus with performances from a salsa band, food, dancing and an opportunity for students to learn about a different culture.

"We want to educate that we have a say on this campus, even though we are a minority group. We are here, we are here to shout our voice out, whatever the situation is," said president of the Organization for Latin American Students, Chelsey Cerrato.

Fiesta Latina was held on Sept. 18 to bring together all the Latin American organizations on campus and give them a chance to connect with students and celebrate their heritage.

According to the National Hispanic Heritage Month website, "The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15."

Rather than just being the month of September, advisor for OLAS, Anna Rivera-Alfaro, said the celebration is held from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 because of its importance in history.

"It starts at that weird time because there are a number of Latin countries that gained their independence, five of them exactly, so that kicks off the month," said Rivera-Alfaro.

Coordinator for the Multicultural Center, Dian Brown-Albert said the event was social with a

small educational twist. Students, she said had the chance to spin a wheel, answer questions and learn about Hispanic American history.

"It's for the campus community overall," said Brown-Albert. "So, the campus community can learn about Latin organizations, Hispanic culture, and it brings people together from all different walks of life."

Undecided major Ariana Taylor, a freshman, said she enjoyed the food, music and the welcoming and friendly "vibe" the event had to offer.

However, Taylor said she did not know much about Hispanic American culture.

"That's kind of why I came, because I want to learn more, which is always exciting to have a place where I can learn more," said Taylor. "In my high

school they didn't really celebrate that, so coming to a college where they value that sort of thing is really nice."

Part of the event was bringing awareness to the campus community and sharing culture.

Undecided major, Zvleyka Pereira, a freshman, said it was good to get everyone involved, including people from various cultures, and give them a taste of Hispanic culture and heritage so they could become familiarized with the people, music and food.

"It's good because I feel like it's usually not recognized as much, especially Latin American Month is not really as big of a deal as other cultures," said Pereira. "I feel like it's good to bring attention to it, especially on a college campus."

For therapeutic recreation major, Aleyasia Watson, a freshman, said being at Fiesta Latina made her feel comfortable and safe because it showed that Southern cares about minority groups.

"I think it's very mindful for our minorities here on campus and it shows that they are appreciated as well as everyone else," said Watson.

Even though National Hispanic American Heritage Month lasts for a short time, Rivera-Alfaro said for her it never ends. She said at least it is an opportunity to bring awareness and share the culture.

"I really just want them to learn, to learn about other cultures, to experience," said Rivera-Alfaro. "You know, in today's world we really need to understand each other."



PHOTOS | IZZY MANZO

Graduate intern Sabrina Maldonado and IDS major Jeremy Del Valle, senior, dancing to the music played by a salsa band at Fiesta Latina on Wednesday Sept. 18.

Buzz-A-Thon collects funds from fresh haircuts

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

Southern's Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter had their tenth anniversary Buzz-A-Thon event to raise money for their charity, Camp Rising Sun.

Camp Rising Sun is a camp for children aged five to 17-years-old undergoing cancer treatment or are in remission. Yearly donations from groups like Alpha Sigma Alpha those children to attend free of charge.

The Sigmas charged participants in the Buzz-A-

Thon \$10 for a haircut on the patio of Buley Library. There was also an option to donate money to the cause without having to receive a haircut. They had even set-up an online portal for donations to Camp Rising Sun directly.

The sorority contacted

many different hair stylists to ensure there would be enough of them for the event. The hairstylists needed to be willing to take a day off of work and do the work for free since it was for charity. After several calls, five hairstylists were kind enough to come

and do the Buzz-A-Thon. These hairstylists then gave haircuts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the hairdressers even did a few extra cuts in between their two thirty-minute slots.

One of the primary women who helped to run the Buzz-A-Thon was exercise science major Brianna Rovella, a senior, who said the hairdressers were not people they knew, rather people whom Alpha Sigma Alpha reached out to in order to share its story.

They just came out of the kindness in their hearts. We couldn't be more blessed," Rovella said.

About 60 people came to get their hair cut, according to Rovella, and about 30 people donated money. As well as accepting cash, the group also took credit cards.

While Rovella was one of the main coordinators for the event, everyone in the sorority had a job to do in order to make the event run smoothly. Nursing major Kayla Bonaldo, a sophomore, was another one of the sisters who helped out with the event.

"Each sister played a vital role in the Buzz-A-Thon event. From planning and organizing to advertising and tabling, our teamwork

as an organization led to a successful fundraiser event," said Bonaldo. "As the public relations chairman of our chapter, my role in the event was making sure SCSU knew about one of the biggest philanthropic events we hold. We had a ten-day countdown on our Instagram page as well as many fliers posted by the chapter and by the sisters. One thing we did to promote the event was taking over the SCSU snapchat for the day, sharing pictures and videos from the event."

The sorority made a decent amount of money to donate to the Camp Rising Sun, and Southern students were able to get a cheap haircut.

Some of the sisters even got their hair cut. Communications major Celina Hunter, a junior, said, "I actually got bangs at the event, and I am still adjusting to them. I love them so far, and I am glad that I could donate to a good cause while experimenting with my hair. But it came together, and I absolutely love how it turned out," said Gale. "It feels really good, you know. It feels good to know our hard work didn't go to waste."



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Math education major Ethan Deer, freshman, getting his hair cut and styled at the Buzz-A-Thon on Sept. 18.

Offensive woes against Assumption leave football 0-3

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Despite another strong outing from their defense, the Owl's offense fell short as the football team lost 19-7 to the Assumption Greyhounds in the opener of NE10 play.

For the third straight game, the Owls' offense was held to zero points in the first half. The same could not be said for Assumption, as they opened up the scoring less than four minutes in, on a touchdown pass from their quarterback, junior Easton Turner, though they would miss the PAT.

Assumption was not done there, as they would extend a 6-0 first quarter lead out to a 13-0 lead at halftime, thanks to an eight-yard run by backup running back Berrell Neal, a freshman. Though it was his first game this year without a touchdown, senior running back Doug Santos would lead the Greyhounds' charge, finishing with 190 rushing yards on 20 carries.

"Doug's a great running back; Doug's a great football player," said Owls' head coach Tom Godek. "He was in the recruiting mix for a lot of the NE 10 schools. He runs hard, he's hard to tackle, he's elusive and he's just a great running back."

For the Owls, the game would be filled with the good, the bad and the ugly. On the positive side, they once again saw a strong outing from redshirt-freshman running back Johnmichael Bivona, as the rookie finished with 89 rushing yards on 19 carries.

Senior quarterback Matt Sanzaro also had his most statistically appealing game of the year, going 11-21 with 134 yards and a touchdown pass, but more importantly, Sanzaro would not throw an interception, something he did five times through two games.

Despite those positive statistics on the offensive end, the Owls had their chances but could not convert. Southern was able to put together multiple promising drives, including one with a 45-yard run from Bivona in the second quarter – the longest run for him and his team on the year. However, the Owls turned the ball over on three separate occasions with two fumbles from Sanzaro and a fumble on the goal line from Bivona.

"We've got to execute in the redzone," Bivona said after the game. "We get down there, we have great drives and then we get down there and it's mental mistakes; it's turnovers and it's drive-killers, and we've got to clean that stuff up – so we'll do that in the film room and in practice next week."

Sanzaro was forced to use his legs and be quick on his feet on just about every play.

The Owls' QB barely put the ball in the air in the first half, as he was just 5-10 passing at the break. Each snap he took under-center, the pocket collapsed within a matter of seconds, forcing Sanzaro to either scramble or ultimately be sacked. He was sacked eight times on the night.

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Midfielder Kaitlyn D'Amico, sophomore, on the field during a home game against Bentley on Saturday.

Success continues early Women's soccer keeps near perfect record after win

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

In their fifth game of the season and second game against an NE10 opponent, the women's soccer team earned a 2-0 win against Bentley University on Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Adam Cohen said the team's overall strategy was to keep control of the ball for as long as possible.

"We're primarily a possessional style team," said Cohen, "so that starts from how we play out of the back, so we do want to try and keep the ball."

The defensive line often passed in front of their own goal; however, they maintained a tight line against Bentley, allowing them only 3 shots on goal in the first half.

The Owls first goal of the game came from midfielder Kaitlyn D'Amico, a sophomore who scored off a rebound

with almost 27 minutes left in the first half.

"I try to score – my motivation is to score a goal every game," said D'Amico. "That's what I try to do so, made my goal today."

Following the first goal of the game, several substitutions were made as part of Cohen's strategy and as a result of the weather.

"We want to keep people healthy throughout the course of the year," said Cohen, "and today's pretty hot too."

The second and final goal of the game was scored by forward, Rossella Graniero, a junior, with an assist from forward, Julia Alicea, a freshman.

For D'Amico and Graniero, these were their second goals of the season.

D'Amico's first goal of the year was in the first half of the match against St. Thomas Aquinas

College on Sept. 8; Graniero's came when the team took down defending national champions Bridgeport University on Sept. 6.

Throughout the entirety of Saturday's game, a total of 10 shots were taken on goal against Bentley.

According to Cohen and D'Amico, the team plays soccer as a game of inches.

"It's a couple of inches off or a couple – or a flick of the head, the slightest movement could make it go in or not go in [the goal]," said D'Amico.

The team, Cohen said has a lot of "good attacking players," and while they may not have landed every shot they made, they did, "kept a clean sheet, so we were happy with that."

Although all the goals were scored during the first half of the game, the aggressiveness of Bentley's play amped up during the second half.

"Part of it's the nature of the game," said Cohen. "They're losing 2-0, so they got depressed and we have to be able to deal with it at times, and you know, at other times, I think we could have done a better job of keeping the, our end [off the field.]"

Midfielder, Marisa Grisell, a senior, said her role on the team is "definitely more defensive."

Grisell said even though she may want to play striker, she trusts her coaches decisions and her teammates to do their jobs in their opponents half of the field as well as supporting their side of the field.

"I just have to be in a position every time where I can – I'm in a good position to defend, you know – so I look, and I put myself in a position where I can attack and defend at the same time," said Grisell.



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Quarterback Matt Sanzaro, redshirt senior, during a home game against Assumption College on Friday.

Craft shines despite field hockey's loss to Bentley

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Despite losing its sixth straight game of the season against NE10 opponent Bentley University, the field hockey team found a silver-lining in their goalkeeper's defensive awareness and skill.

Before the game even started, the Owls seemed to be the underdog. The Owls were outnumbered 29 to 13, and while the Falcon's starting line-up featured seven seniors, Southern had only one senior and one graduate student on the team.

"Certainly, there's experience on the field for [Bentley]. Certainly, they've been working together for four years and they have that advantage over us," said head coach Kelley Frassinelli, "but I think regardless of numbers and regardless of what that seniority is, I think it's the dynamic of that team that you have on the field and then what they can put together."

While her coach seemed to be more cautiously optimistic, goalkeeper Brianna Craft, a senior, was not worried about the gap in experience or numbers.

"It's not intimidating at all," said Craft. "I think [myself and graduate student Jana Migliaro] have been here for a while but the girls have stepped up and they're coming under our wing and stepping up just as high as us."

Keeping that confident approach, Craft would be the key player that kept Southern in the game.

The first half consisted of heavily fought competition. Both the Falcons and the Owls found positions to score but were unable to finish.

Southern had several opportunities to score from penalty corner shots but failed to connect, while Bentley's outlet passing would spur fast break runs that ended before reaching the goal.

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Goalkeeper Brianna Craft, senior, in goal against Shippensburg last year on Sept. 8, 2018.



The NCAA's untamed green animal

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Over the course of history, there has been no greater sin to NCAA officials than paying a student athlete.

We have seen players removed from school for it, coaches fired and even some national championships revoked. Since the dawn of the NCAA, it's been written that college athletes should not be paid.

However, in 2019, it is becoming very likely that college athletes will be paid, but not in the way one may think. This calls for a dive into something the State of California is calling, "The Fair Pay to Play Act."

According to Sports Illustrated's Jenna West, the proposed California bill would, "allow college athletes to be paid for use of their name, likeness and image" while being enrolled at their respective college or university.

It is important to note the intricacies of this bill, as there is a lot to take in. The most important aspect being that it will not be the schools' pockets that the money is coming from. Instead, this bill would allow for college athletes to sign with agents and negotiate endorsements with outside companies like Nike or Adidas.

While Lakers superstar LeBron James has expressed support for the bill, the NCAA is fighting this to no end, and not-wrongfully so. A letter they sent to California Governor Gavin Newsome described the legislation as "unconstitutional."

While I would not go that far, I do not believe that the "Fair Pay to Play Act" is the long-awaited savior so many student-athletes have been hoping for.

You must remember, at the end of the day, the money that these athletes are making is for their institution. That has always been the case, so, why can schools not pay it back in the form of a stipend?

College athletes should not be already making millions of dollars - they are students. However, they should be given enough so they can live well enough and not be "going to bed starving" as former UConn Husky basketball star Shabazz Napier put it in 2014.

College athletes deserve what they are owed, but allowing agents and contract negotiations to be a part of college athletics would open the door for even more corruption than there is today, and endorsements would quickly dominate the landscape. It would simply become too great an animal to tame. As of Sept. 11, Gov. Newsome has 30 days to sign or veto the bill.

Men's soccer loses in yet another overtime

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Despite having the lead for over 60 minutes of play, the Owls' men's soccer team suffered its first loss of the season to Assumption College in their home opener at Jess Dow Field.

In what would also serve as the opener for NE10

conference play, the Owls entered the day with one win and two ties. They kept the Greyhounds quiet in the first half, as Southern kept control of the ball and was able to get on the board 1-0 with a goal from sophomore Daniel Utgaard 20 minutes in.

In the second half, however, the Greyhounds found new life. Though the

Owls were able to maintain their lead most of the half, Assumption came out much more aggressively, controlling the ball on the Owls' side of the field.

"We didn't really deal with the ball as well in the second half," said Owls' head coach Tom Lang. "They put us under a lot more pressure, we gave away the ball a great deal and as a result they found a way to get back into the game."

The Owls were still in a good position to win, still up 1-0 with under ten minutes to play. However, it was a goal from Assumption's junior midfielder, Kevin Hernandez, on an assist from senior Jason Lages in the 82nd minute that ticketed the game for overtime.

The extra period of play would not even last a minute, as Lages would score the winning goal for Assumption 56-seconds in. The Greyhounds led the Owls in just about every offensive category: they

recorded 13 shots to the Owls' seven, nine shots on goal to the Owls' six as well as three corner kicks compared to zero from Southern. The Owls also committed 13 fouls.

"You're always looking to improve, it's not just the defense," said Lang. "It's the whole team together needs to get a little bit better in certain areas and we're still a bit of a work-in-progress yet, but I thought overall, specifically the back four, held their own and did well, but when you're under a great deal of pressure like that, eventually you get punished."

Assumption came into the game ranked 10th in the East Region of the United States Soccer Coaches Regional Rankings and with their win against Southern, they moved up to 7th in the latest poll. Regardless of what the polls say, there is confidence among Owls players that they are still a team to beat despite their rough start and nagging injuries.

"It was just overall an

unlucky night for us," said defender Noah Rattet, a senior. "I felt we were coming off as the better team. Once we have a full team, I feel like there's really no one that can beat us."

The Owls made a notable change in their lineup at the start of the game, as their goalkeeper, freshman Andre Carvalho of Sao Paulo, Brazil, would make his collegiate debut. Carvalho is the second man to start in goal for the Owls so far through four games.

Other than the two goals he let in, Carvalho would look sharp for most of the game, as he made seven stops on nine attempts.

Lang, who spoke briefly of Carvalho's debut, said he was "fine" but would not commit to Carvalho as his goalkeeper going forward.

"We're still kind of figuring some things out," said Lang. "We're looking at things and evaluating things just like we do after every game so that's what we'll continue to do going forward."



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Forward Francisco Roland Martin, junior, during a game against Assumption College on Friday.

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"We're going to go back and look at it as always," said Godek. "It's not always the line, if it is, we're going to work hard in that department this week, but they've got some excellent defensive linemen, some really good schemes there tonight, we just need to find ourselves offensively."

After the game, Godek said that his defense was once again "really really good" as they never allowed Assumption to score more than once in a quarter. Sophomore linebacker Rich Souffrant would finish with a 13-yard sack and three total tackles. Redshirt-senior free safety Kyle Armour would lead the Owls on

defense with nine total tackles, including six solo tackles.

"We're always talking about coming back from adversity," Armour said, postgame. "We're going to get the ball in bad spots, so we've got to just do our jobs, try and give the ball back to the offense and just go 100 percent every play."

With the loss, the Owls fell to 0-3 on the season and 0-1 in NE10 play. Their next game will be on Saturday, Sept. 28 in Springfield Mass., against AIC. Their next home game comes the following week against Franklin Pierce.

"Right now, we've got to get ready for American International," said Godek. "That's always been a physical game; it's the longest running rivalry in the history of Southern football and it's always a good football game."



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Wide receiver Jaylynn Cundiff, sophomore, racing down the field during the home game against Assumption College on Friday.

New coach for women's rugby is a 'fresh start'

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Fitted with a thick southern accent, a horseshoe mustache, and a resume full of rugby, the new coach of the women's rugby club team is ready to start his first season as an Owl.

Dylan Turner, the new head coach of the women's rugby team, nicknamed the Black Attack, has played and coached rugby for years, dating back to his time at the University of Mississippi.

"I used to play when I was at Ole Miss, and I used to coach there too," said Turner. "I've played a few Sevens tournaments with some semi-pro teams. I've also played with some [semi-professional] out of Seattle, and now I've been playing for New Haven for the past three years."

Playing for New Haven's Old Black Rugby team, a national rugby football club centered in New Haven, which according to the Old Black website was started by graduates of Southern Connecticut State University, is actually how Turner got the position at Southern in the first place.

At the time both Turner and Andrew Marullo, the current coordinator of

recreation and fitness at Southern, had something in common: both played on the same team.

"I knew him from playing with him. I know he's had some coaching experience and playing experience at high levels," said Marullo, who has been a member of the Old Black team for almost ten years. "It was great opportunity for our women's team to bring in someone who really has a good grasp of the game. For their development, it's going to be a great thing."

Marullo said there were two reasons for getting a new coach for the women's rugby team, the first being that the previous coach had been looking to step down. The second reason was that the team seemed to be stagnant, as far as success over the season was concerned.

"I think things were kind of going along, and happening [with the previous coach]," said Marullo, "but now they'll be able to push forward and potentially go up higher divisions, make national championships. I think that's a path that they can get to with a new coaching staff."

Marullo said he is enthusiastic and he thinks

Turner will be a breath of fresh air for the team.

"I think that [Turner] will bring a new excitement and a new kind of vision for the direction of the team," said Marullo. "He'll also be able to bring in some new strategy, new game plan. Pretty much new everything, just a fresh start for the team."

Besides the coaches, the Black Attack features many new additions to the team this year, like IDS major Sydney Degoursey, a senior, who joined the club recently.

"I have a few friends that play actually. I've known people who've played for years," said Degoursey. "One of my friends this year recently pushed me to play, and it's something I've always wanted to do."

Team captain Kelli Doheny, a senior who has played for four years in a row, said the young additions are dedicated to learning the sport and will definitely help the team throughout the season.

"We got a ton of new people. We usually get a lot of names at the club fair, but this year we had a lot of people show up actually so that was great," said Doheny. "They're great. It's a new sport so it's hard, but they want to learn."



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Midfielder Jessica Maier, a junior, during the halftime break during a homegame against AIC on Sept. 11.

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While the Falcons were able to score once off a crowded shot from a rebound, Craft's defense kept the game close. Besides the one goal, Craft was able to block the heavy flow of shots in the second quarter, stopping 10 out of 11 shots on goal.

"[Brianna] works hard. She's quick and she's somebody who is super critical of her own play," said Frassinelli. "She's somebody who is going to demand from her teammates to step up and be as strong as they can on the field."

In the second half, Bentley scored late in the third due to a penalty stroke placed in the top right pocket. After that, the Falcons did not lay off the gas. The offense kept coming, pushing past midfield and preventing the Owls from gaining much headway.

Southern eventually scored, in another silver-lining moment, when forward Kaitlyn Bourque, a freshman, logged her first collegiate goal as an Owl.

Bourque said her goal is just a reminder that hard work and sticking to the game plan will pay off. "I was psyched. I wanted to score another one," said Bourque. "It really helped our momentum and pushing us forward for the rest of the game."

Throughout the rest of the game, Craft kept up the good work in the goal, finishing with a season-high 23 saves. She said that while the team's defense is relatively solid, there could be some improvements on offense.

"Honestly, we have been putting pieces together through each game we've played," Craft said, "but I think now the final thing is getting ahead quicker, scoring maybe in the first quarter, and then holding them in the third quarter."

Gymnastics hires former Olympian as coach

By Jackson Lamar
New Reporter

Hiring a coach with experience is important if a team wants to be competitive, especially when trying to replace a school legend like the former gymnastics coach Jerry Nelson. However, Southern's gymnastics team did something alike with Mary Fredericks.

Fredericks previously worked at Towson University before coming to Southern, and also was a part of the staff for Brigham Young University and Southeast Missouri State.

Fredericks will be replacing long time coach of 15 years, Nelson, who during his tenure with the Owls, won multiple championships and recieved a National Coach of the Year award in 2007.

"I feel like I'm a nice, fun-loving person, maybe not as bubbly as him," Fredericks said. "There's some shoes to fill and that's always something to keep in your mind"

Fredericks has an impressive resume of her own. She was an alternate for the U.S. Olympic team in 1996, a Pan American gold medalist in 1995, a U.S. team member that won Bronze in 1996, and a 7 time

national team member. Fredericks said she hopes her accolades will inspire her girls to work just as hard as she had to.

"They were impressed. I shared stories where I was not born good," Fredericks said. "I had to work a lot in pre-Internet days you didn't get to see all my biffs."

Practices for the team have already begun and Fredericks' first focus is building the girls strength back up.

"Right now we are doing a lot of focus on strength, trying to get them strong so they can do their skills," Fredericks said, "then we break down the basics so again they remember the beginning part of their skills"

Members of the gymnastics team have said Fredericks' impact on the team is noticeable. One of the captains for the team, exercise science major Jackie Kutcher, a senior, said she feels more confident in her event.

"Her main event was bars and that's my favorite event," Kutcher said.

"She's definitely given me corrections on bars, and I think that overall it'll help because bars has been our weaker event in the past."

Kutcher talked about the advantages of having

a former Olympian as a coach.

"The main thing is she has visions that are far and beyond than I ever expected," Kutcher said. "So that's kind of good because she always says shoot higher than you expect to make, because you can never disappoint yourself if you're doing better regardless."

Physics major Keylea Brothers, a senior, is the other captain of the team, and she said it's important to trust her coach.

"Trust in gymnastics is a very big thing, because they are spotting you on and off" Brothers said. "You're doing skills that you can hurt yourself on and you have to trust their judgement"

In gymnastics teams receive a score out of ten. The score is compiled by judges based off the gymnast's execution and difficulty of the skills. What Fredericks is doing is incorporating more release moves which boost the difficulty score and result in a higher overall score.

"We went from completing two release moves last year and now it looks like our whole lineup will have release moves," Kutcher said. "It looks like we could have 10.0 on every event."



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Kaylyn Dawkins, then-senior, on the beam during the Don Tonry Invitational last year.



New past time for America and Jess Dow

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

There seems to be a new past-time on Southern's athletic fields, and it is not America's historically favored baseball. Baseball's little brother, football, has finally stepped out of the shadows.

Last Friday night, when the football team faced off against NE 10 conference matchup Assumption College, the stands were absolutely packed. As someone who has covered every sport on campus, I had never seen so many fans at a regular season game.

Music echoing all the way down Fitch Street, fans yelling until their voices cracked and students wearing all Owls gear, stomping in unison until the stands were shaking; the Blue Crew showed up in masses.

Comparatively, a regular season baseball game at Southern, even when facing Elm City rival University of New Haven, attracts little more than a handful of supporters.

This is not anything against Southern baseball, rather a look at the entire spectacle that football puts on for every game: the massive lights, the booming speakers and PA system, the concession building and both cheerleaders and the dance team, just to name a few.

Football, as a sport and as a business, was going to inevitably surpass baseball, and when you really dissect both sports, it is clear why.

Firstly, there are less games in a regular season of football than in baseball, meaning that each football game typically means more to both the team and the fans. For a team with a relatively short season, each win brings them closer to the playoffs. A shorter season could motivate the fans to go to games since they have less chances to watch their team.

On the other side of the coin, last year's baseball season saw 48 games, with the exception that 17 of those games were played in Florida or the Carolinas. With this many games, fans may choose not to come and wait for another game later in the season.

The strategic placement of football games at the end of the week or on weekends, undisputedly helps bring students and fans, who are looking to end their week with some fun and excitement. Football also has the off-the-field factor of tailgating, which helps get people pumped up and rowdy for the game. Football games are utilizing two events.

America has a new past-time, and the results are showing at Jess Dow Field rather than the Southern Ballpark.

In her fifth year Magee leads Owls to success

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Athletes are largely judged by their performance on the field, but their work behind the scenes can be forgotten. Yet for women's soccer captain Mikaela Magee, her work off the field has helped shape her abilities on the field.

Magee, born in Bronx, N.Y., came to Southern from New Fairfield, Conn. Her love for the game of soccer started at a very young age, but she said it was her mother who originally "forced" her out onto the soccer field as a child.

"My mom wanted to get me involved in sports so the first sport when we moved up here was soccer," she said. "It's funny to think about now, because if I didn't go out on that soccer field I don't even know if I would be here today."

From that point, Magee would begin pursuing soccer. As a result, she ended up having a lot of high school success. She was an Honorable Mention All-League pick, a captain for two years and was given the "Players' Player" award during her senior year.

"I really thought the 'Players' Player award - it meant a lot to me because my teammates voted for it," said Magee. "We had some guidelines, hardworking, stuff like that, but it meant a lot that my teammates saw me that way. I really appreciated that award when I got it."

Coming out of high school, Magee had a tough decision looming - where was she going to play college soccer? She had fielded multiple offers from different schools, but said she was ultimately drawn to Southern because of the team environment in addition to

the academics.

"Southern is a great school that was close to home. It had the major that I was looking into: exercise science," said Magee of her final decision. "Ultimately the team was really talented, I'd come to a couple of games, I liked the coaching staff and all of that together just made Southern the right fit for me."

Magee is currently a graduate student and has been at Southern for five years now. She finished out her fourth year with a lot of uncertainty as she still had one remaining year of eligibility left, but contemplated utilizing it.

"[Magee] played her last game last year and she was a senior. She did have a year of eligibility left, but I think at that point in time she was done," said head coach Adam Cohen. "And then she took a step back, realized, 'Wait I do have another year of eligibility."

I can come back as a graduate student and play one more year" and she did it. I'm grateful and proud."

With it being her fifth year on the team, it is also her third year serving as one of the team's captains. Magee has been recognized for her work in the classroom as well as her leadership skills on and off the field - all contributing factors to Cohen's decision to make her captain.

"Mikaela started to personify our core values in our program," said Cohen on his decision. "So, when we were looking for somebody that we could trust and that we knew could lead the team behind the scenes, she was the name that rose to the top. Over her three years as captain, she has developed into one of the most influential people we've ever had at Southern."

Magee finished the 2018 season with one goal while

averaging 0.53 shots-per-game and 0.11 points-per-game. Though the stats may not jump off the page, Coach Cohen talked about Magee "leading by example" through everything she does.

"Basically, everything she does is a good example of leadership," said her teammate and senior Kelly Lamb. "She always is doing the right thing, always working hard, always putting in her full effort and getting everybody together to kind of benefit the whole team."

As Magee's career draws to an official close at the conclusion of this season, she still feels that there is more to be accomplished.

"I think we have a really great team this year," said Magee. "We're returning everybody, we have great team chemistry. I think ultimately the best thing that could happen is to win a championship."



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Midfielder Mikaela Magee, graduate student, during a game against Assumption College on Sept. 8, 2019.



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Midfielder Mikaela Magee, graduate student, running up the field during a home game against Adelphi University on Tuesday.

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Geography Club prepares for Climate Strike



Environmental systems and sustainability major Andrea Grzedzinski, junior, writes "Tick tock, climate change won't stop," on her poster on Sept. 19.

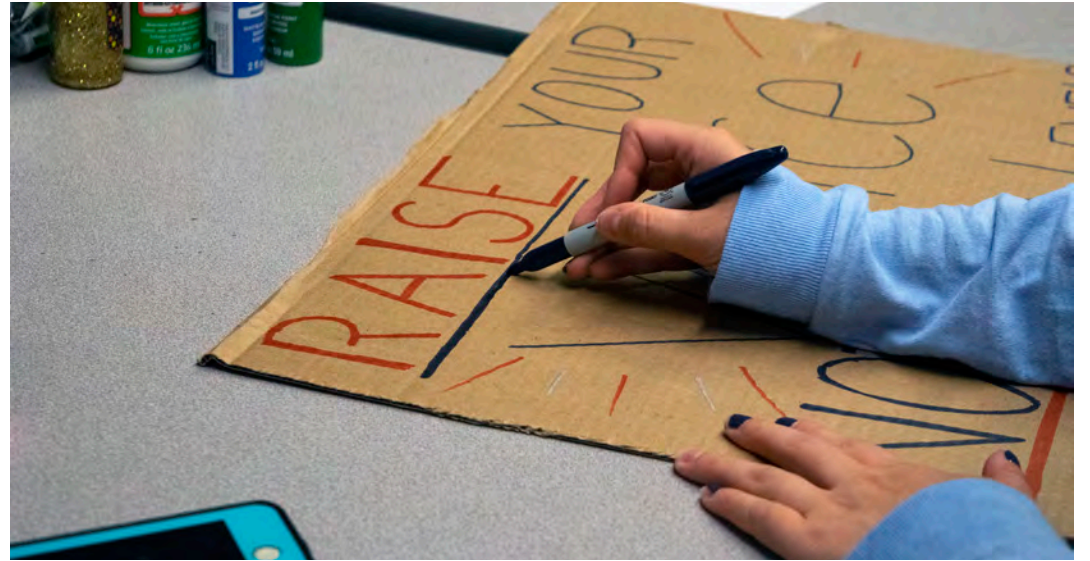
By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

On Sept. 19, students gathered in Jennings Hall 343 to make posters to raise awareness about climate change in anticipation of the New

Haven Climate Strike.

The Geography, Environmental, and Marine Studies Club members who organized the event then carpooled to the New Haven Green on Sept. 20 to participate in the climate strike.

According to the New Haven Independent, the strike was organized by youth activists and coincided with several other climate strikes occurring around the world in an effort to call for action.



English secondary education major Olivia Strelevitz, freshman, decorates her poster, which said "Raise your voice, not sea levels" on Sept. 19.



Elementary education major Anya Celmer, freshman, holds her unfinished poster up for critiquing.



Environmental systems and sustainability major Lauren Oken, freshman, works on her poster.



Biology major Alina Tucker, senior, colors her poster depicting Earth on fire which said, "You're burning our future!" on Sept. 19.



Olivia Strelevitz colors in her poster which is meant to raise awareness for rising sea levels on Sept. 19.



Lauren Oken (left) and nursing major Victoria Conlon, freshman, work on their poster which said, "Climate change is worse than homework," on Sept. 19.